



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2001 Senate Bill 185</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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Generally, under current law, a municipal law enforcement officer or firefighter who has had discipline imposed upon him or her by the local Police and Fire Commission (PFC) may appeal the decision of the PFC to the circuit court.

*Senate Bill 185* authorizes an alternative appeal procedure to be specified in a collective bargaining agreement covering certain municipal law enforcement officers or firefighters. Under the bill, an accused person who chooses to appeal the decision of the PFC through a collectively bargained alternative appeal procedure is considered to have waived his or her right to circuit court review of the PFC decision.

*Senate Amendment 1* provides that if the collectively bargained alternative appeals procedure includes a hearing, the hearing must be open to the public with reasonable advance notice given by the employer.

*Senate Amendment 1* was adopted by the Senate on a voice vote on October 4, 2001. The bill, as amended, passed on the same date on a vote of Ayes, 23; Noes, 10.

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